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Cook reaches for stars with anti-violence project

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More than 11,000 stars have been painstakingly hand woven by Cook Shire residents as part of an international project to end violence.

The One Million Stars to End Violence project started in 2012 in response to a horrific violent crime in Victoria and is now being taken up across the world, with England, Cook Islands, the United States and others joining to create one million woven stars to be installed at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Cook Shire Council registered the area as a star weave community last year, and residents and staff have since woven a whopping 11,170 stars, smashing the initial pledge to weave 10,000 stars. "It's a terrific job by our community, and shows that people are sick of the statistics on violence and are pushing for change," Cr Scott said.

Special ribbon used to make the stars was bought through the Regional Arts Development Fund. The stars are now on their way to be included in the installation at next year's Commonwealth Games.

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